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TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: HONG KONG POLICY ON ACCEPTING BOAT REFUGEES

REF: HONG KONG 3463 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO REFTTEL, UNHCR REP VISITING HONG KONG  
MARCH 16 TOLD CONGEN THAT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT HAD  
INFORMED HIM THAT ANY BOAT REFUGEES WITH RELATIVES AS  
DISTANT AS COUSIN, UNCLE OR AUNT IN HONG KONG COULD BE  
ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT THERE. THIS POLICY APPLIED  
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TO BOAT REFUGEES NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG BUT ALSO IN OTHER  
ASIAN COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM. UNHCR REP SAID UNHCR  
WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATION OF SPONSORS AND VERIFICATION OF  
RELATIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG.

2. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH UNHCR REPS IN  
THEIR COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY BOAT REFUGEES

THERE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO HONG KONG. VANCE

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